

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A sliding pivot for a support element used with a stanchion which is hinged to the item with which it is used and from which it can be unfolded, wherein one end of the support element is rigidly attached to the stanchion and the opposite end is provided with a substantially transverse portion extending therefrom, comprises a slide, a sleeve provided with a slide pin extending in substantially the same plane as the sleeve, and a socket substantially parallel with the transverse portion, wherein the sleeve is located on the transverse portion, the pin is located in the slide, the sleeve being adapted to rotate about the transverse portion, and the pin to rotate in the slide, the pin moving along the slide when the stanchion is rotated about its hinge, the socket being adapted to receive the transverse portion when the stanchion is in a fully unfolded position.